

Appl. No. ⁰⁹08/913,574

Reply to Office Action of March 8, 2004

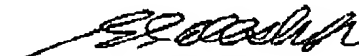
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At outset, the applicants take the opportunity to thank Examiner Sergeant for the allowance of claims 1-32 and 39-42. The applicants and applicants' attorney also thank Examiner Sergeant for the helpful suggestion provided in the telephone message from Examiner Sergeant on March 24, 2004 to the applicants' attorney. The claims at issue in this Office Action were amended along the lines suggest by the Examiner in his message.

Claims 33-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by JP-6-256714 and EP 179,281. In order to overcome the rejection, claims 33, 34 and 37 were amended to include reference to a "clear coating" composition. Support can be found in current claim 1. In addition, the unsupported element "the product" in claim 36 was replaced with "A clear coating composition" for further clarity.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any issues involved in this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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